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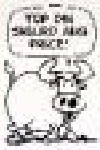


13 DAYS TO GO Sen. Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III at the forum sponsored by the Christ Commission fellowship at the Araneta Coliseum on Monday night

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## Dick: Noy paid for polls; Gibo: I was never asked




By Tarra Quismundo, TJ Burgonio and Julie M. Aurelio

AFTER TAKING SURVEY firms to court, Bagumbayan presidential candidate Richard Gordon, who has been faring

DICK/A11

# Villar presses 'psy war'

## Ex-Batangas gov dies; NP to name new candidate

By Marrah Erika Lesaba
*Inquirer Southern Luzon*

BATANGAS CITY—THE DEATH OF Former Gov. Armand Sanchez last night from complications of a stroke he suffered Monday afternoon while campaigning in Lipa City, sparked a flurry of speculations over his replacement.

Sanchez, 57, who was running to regain the governorship under the Nacionalista Party (NP), fell into a coma after undergoing a three-hour brain operation at Mary Mediatrix Medical Center in Lipa.

He died at 7:20 p.m., according to his running mate, Edwin Ermita, who belongs to the Lakas-Kampi-CMD party.

Sanchez's physician, Dr. Eugene Balonzo, had placed his chances of survival at 5 to 10 percent. Sanchez, he said, suffered a stroke due to overfatigue, decreasing sugar levels and severe hypertension.

Gilbert Remulla, NP spokesperson and senatorial candidate, said last night

EX-BATANGAS/A21



NEW US ENVOY President Macapagal-Arroyo shares a light moment with US Ambassador to the Philippines Harry K. Thomas, who called on her in Malacañang to present his credentials. (See story on Page A12.) EDWIN BOCBOC

## Report fake, say Ateneo, Jesuit shrink

By Nancy C. Carvajal, Tarra Quismundo and Jani Arnaiz, *in Maasin, Leyte*

RELEASING A SECOND "psychiatric report" in as many weeks, the camp of Nacionalista Party standard-bearer Manuel Villar yesterday claimed that Liberal Party presidential candidate Benigno Aquino III was diagnosed as suffering from depression and melancholia when he was a college student.

A Villar campaign volunteer claimed that a psychiatric evaluation taken 30 years ago, when Aquino was 19 years old, recommended that the latter take antidepressant pills and undergo regular psychotherapy sessions.

Guido Delgado, former National Power Corp. president, presented the results of the alleged evaluation at a press conference in Quezon City yesterday morning.

Delgado said he made the report public although he had not verified it. The report, he claimed, was brought by a messenger to Villar's volunteer office in Mandaluyong City.

VILLAR/A6

## Villar on ma: She can't take it anymore

By Tarra Quismundo and Norman Bordadora

EMBATTLED PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE Manuel Villar has disclaimed knowledge of the emotional press conference conducted on Monday by his mother and four sisters.

"I didn't even know that my mother was interviewed. Was she interviewed?" Villar, the standard-bearer of the Nacionalista Party, asked reporters on the sidelines of a presidential forum at the Araneta Coliseum in Quezon City on Monday night.

But he said he knew that his mother, 86-year-old Curita Villar, was hurting from the recent criticisms and accusa-

VILLAR ON MA/A18

## Palace, 3 bets oppose manual count

By Leila B. Salaverria

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A HYBRID balloting will fly—not with the presidential candidates themselves divided on the issue.

Malacañang also questioned the manual count proposal barely a few weeks before the polling and after the Comelec had almost completed preparations for the electronic vote.

But six of the nine presidential candidates support a parallel manual count, leaving three against it.

Commissioner Gregorio Larrazabal said yesterday that the initial feedback from teachers who would serve as election supervisors was negative.

"Some personnel oppose the manual count because this would open up opportunities for fraud," said Larrazabal. "Even some candidates don't subscribe to the wisdom of the proposal."

However, he stressed that the Comelec en banc had not reached a decision on this.

PALACE/A21

Elections 2010

## Little has changed in politics and poverty in S. Luzon

By Inquirer Southern Luzon

*(Third of four parts)*

SPECIAL REPORT
FAMILY AFFAIR

BICOL, ONE OF THE POOREST REgions in the country, has changed little, even in its politics.

Families in power for decades will likely stay on after the May 10 elections.

In Camarines Sur, biggest in the region in terms of districts and voters, three families dominate—the Fuentebellas, Alfelors and Villafuertes. The first two have the biggest number of candidates, while the third is considered the most influential.

Rep. Arnulfo Fuentebella is seeking reelection in the fourth district, his wife Evelyn is running for mayor of Sangay town, son Arnie for mayor of Tigaon town and nephew Emmanuel Llaguno for provincial board member.

Rep. Felix Alfelor Jr. is contesting the gubernatorial seat. His niece, Mayor Madelaine Alfelor-Gazmen of Iriga City, wants another term; brother Emmanuel is running for a congressional seat and another brother, Ruperto, for provincial board member.

While feuding at times, Luis Raymundo Villafuerte Sr. and his son, Luis Raymund or "LRay," continue to be influential. The father is running for

LITTLE/A19

## Edith to light 3 candles for Jonas tonight

By DJ Yap

EDITH BURGOS HAD SINCE HAD occasionally wondered what it would be like if her missing son Jonas suddenly turned up at her door.

"The first thing he'd probably say is, 'Ma, anong ulam (what's to eat)?'" she said with a laugh. Then his brother JL would joke: "Uy, saan ka galing? Alam mo bang ang hirap-hirap maghanap sa 'yo? (Hey, where have you been? Do you know how hard it was to look for you?)"

But that's during light moments. Some nights, in the quiet of her room, the widow of the

EDITH/A11



3 GENERATIONS SM chair Henry Sy Sr. listens to grandson Henry Sy III whispering something into his ear. That's the boy's father, Henry Sy Jr., looking on during the company's annual stockholders meeting on Monday at the SMX Convention Center in Pasay City. KENY ADRALES

CLEAN ELECTIONS

## Cold Benguet not hotspot since 1900s

By Delmar Cariño
*Inquirer Northern Luzon*

LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET—Aside from being the main producer of gold and temperate vegetables, Benguet can proudly claim to be the most peaceful spot in the country during an election.

The highland province has no recorded incidence of the election-related violence typical of the traditional politics practiced elsewhere in the country.

This reputation for avoiding election mayhem and violence dates as far back as the early part of the last century when the country held its first election, according to Benguet elders.

They said this owed to a culture that tends to regard politics as a form of schooling or community homework—meaning, not gradable—rather than a battle for survival, money or power.

Jaime Galangan, 77, a retired schoolteacher, describes Benguet's exceptional brand of politics as "no guns, gold or goons."

Indeed, Benguet politics has remained free of political killings, threats to the lives of

COLD/A19

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THE RACE FOR NO. 2

# Noynoy: Mar is my only VP

By Philip C. Tubeza

TACLOBAN CITY—LIBERAL Party presidential candidate Sen. Benigno Aquino III has reiterated his support for his running mate, Sen. Manuel Roxas, amid rumors that he was secretly supporting an old friend, Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay, of the rival Pwersa ng Masang Pilipino.



ROXAS

### Chiz factor

### Not a threat

## *Erap shrugs off reports of betrayal, stands by Binay*



BINAY

## Still Mar-Loren fight



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# NBI: We don't have Vizconde evidence

By Dona Pazzibugan

#### Submitted to court

#### Positive for spermatozoa

#### Life sentence

#### Vizconde appeal



### Corrections



SECOND TIME AROUND

## IN THE KNOW



# Villar presses 'psy war' on Noy

### Ninoy in prison

### Treatment

### Malicious falsification

### Brown bag

### Another smear campaign

# No wage hike announcement from Palace on Labor Day

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# SC firm in ruling on CJ row

THE SUPREME COURT YESTERday rejected a second motion to reconsider its ruling allowing President Macapagal-Arroyo to appoint the next Chief Justice after the May 10 presidential elections.

The high court merely "noted without taking any action" another motion filed last week asking the court to reverse its March 16 ruling which said the constitutional ban on midnight appointments did not apply to the Supreme Court.

The 9-1 ruling (with two justices saying the case was premature and three inhibiting themselves) reversed a unanimous 1998 Supreme Court decision that prohibited an outgoing president from filling in vacancies in the judiciary during the election period.

The new ruling will allow Ms Arroyo to choose the chief justice who will preside during her successor's term. Current Chief Justice Reynato Puno retires on May 17.

Puno inhibited himself from voting.

Supreme Court spokesperson Midas Marquez said the high court did not entertain the second motion for reconsideration because the arguments raised had already been discussed in its April 20 ruling.

"Since the first motion for reconsideration was decided with finality, the Supreme Court noted without taking any action [the] second motion for reconsideration. There are no more actions to be taken because the case has already been dismissed," he told reporters. *Dona Pazzibugan*

# PNP chief asks Comelec to furnish PNP copies of voters' list

# CBCP, INC air fears of 'poll failure'; church to start 9-day novena

# Dick: Noynoy paid for surveys; Gibo: I was never asked

# *Villar on ma, sisters' presscon: They can't take it anymore*



# Metro volunteers vow 2.5M votes for Gibo

# Whistle-blower gets conciliatory texts


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# Great to be here, says new US ambassador



"We meet everyone"

# Perjury rap filed vs ex-prosecutor

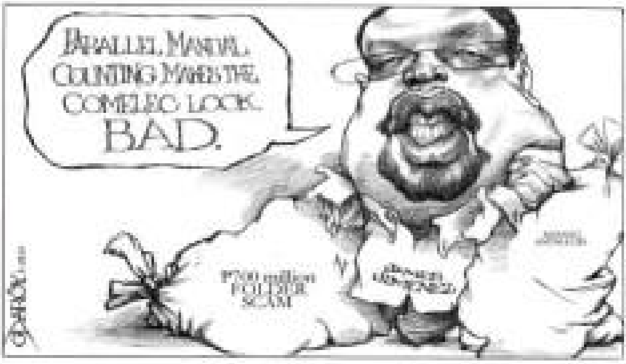
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# OPINION

## Mothers

EDITORIAL




## Noynoy will be the next president

AS I SEE IT

*Neal H. Cruz*

## Catch-22

THERE'S THE RUB

*Conrado de Quiros*

# Tabloid journalism against Pope Benedict XVI

COMMENTARY

*Minyong Ordoñez*

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# Cum laude

PINOY KASI

*Michael L. Tan*



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# Gender rights and reality bites

AT LARGE

*Rina Jimenez-David*



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# Heroes under a microscope

LOOKING BACK

*Ambeth R. Ocampo*



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THEY SAID

## At the center

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# What is good for people is good for environment

LETTERS



## Press con confirmed 'Villaroyo' tag

## Noynoy's challenge, Salceda's heart

## Question for water agencies: Why no action on Cruz's suggestion

Across the NATION

# Security issues hound PCOS delivery

BAGUIO CITY—THE Commission on Elections (Comelec) here suspended plans to send precinct count optical scan (PCOS) machines early to remote communities in the Cordillera due to the pressure of securing these machines until May 10, the Inquirer learned on Tuesday.

## 4 days' hike

## Apayao warehouse

## Enemies

## Wrong SIM card



NO SLOGAN

## Son of Pagcor chair faces DQ case over town residency

## Floodgates for poll-related murders open

By Inquirer Bureaus

### Target: Bets' backers

### Soldiers' help sought

## *Lucky bets in Luzon running without foes on May 10*



INQUIRER Northern Luzon

# In Isabela, it's Round 3 for Padaca, Dy

By [illegible]
[illegible], Isabela

ISABELA GOV. MARIA GRACIA Cielo Padaca is coming full circle when she makes her reelection bid against another member of the Dy political clan on May 10.

[illegible]

## Bigger challenge

[illegible]

## Track record

[illegible]



DY



PADACA




# Land sales in Baguio

■ BAGUIO CITY

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Candidates for representative of lone congressional district:

[illegible]

# Little has changed in politics and poverty in S. Luzon



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### Cavite: Remulla vs Revilla

### Batangas: 2-clan rule

### Lazaros rule Laguna

### Mindoro: Long feud

### Quezon: Entrenched Suarezes

### Marinduque: Still the Reyeses

### Palawan: A bastion of dynasties

### Catanduanes: Not too remote

### Masbate: Long-simmering feud

### Albay: Malcases, Gonzaleses

# Cold Benguet not an election hotspot since last century

### Not a single shot fired

### A friendly game

### Education pacified tribes

### Verbal violence only

### Rallies same time, place

# New scam: Calamity funds used for polls

By Fe Zamora

## Converted to political funds



## Rules violated

## Nonexistent project

# Ex-Batangas gov dies; NP to name new candidate

### Return match

# Palace, three presidential candidates oppose manual count

### 'Why only now'

### Check vs computer results



CBCP PRESS FORUM

### Danger of trending

### Excuse to spend

### Ballot safeguards removed

# Edith to light 3 candles for Jonas tonight



STILL SEARCHING, PRAYING

### 'God's instrument'

### Challenge

### Unforgettable

### 'Very happy guy'

### Future book

### Divine intervention

# SPORTS

Editor: Teddyvic S. Melendres
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SHAKEY'S V-LEAGUE

## Lady Eagles extend binge

By Jasmine W. Payo



## Fernando, Ikeda faves as RP Am gets going

By Cedelf P. Tupas

## Chinese GM halts Wesley in 74-mover

By Roy Luarca

## PBA heads bid to merge PBL, Liga

By Musong R. Castillo and Jasmine W. Payo



## Buncio destroys Superbikes foes

## Fiery Stags seek No. 4 vs RP Youth

By Jasmine W. Payo

## Bowlers eyeing 3 Asiad golds

## Growee sports camp keeps kids busy

# Elorde, 'Pancho Villa' lead HOF trailblazers

By Cedelf P. Tupas



GUILLEDO



ELORDE

# 3 imports join Smart Gilas squad

By June Navarro



MILWAUKEE swingman John Salmons finds a novel way to get past the defense of Atlanta's Al Horford on the way to 22 points.

# Magic sweep off Bobcats

## Bucks surprise Hawks; Suns up

## SPORTSWATCH

### Pasay hosts NFGB derby

## RP loses Seaba post

IN HUDDLE



*Beth Celis*

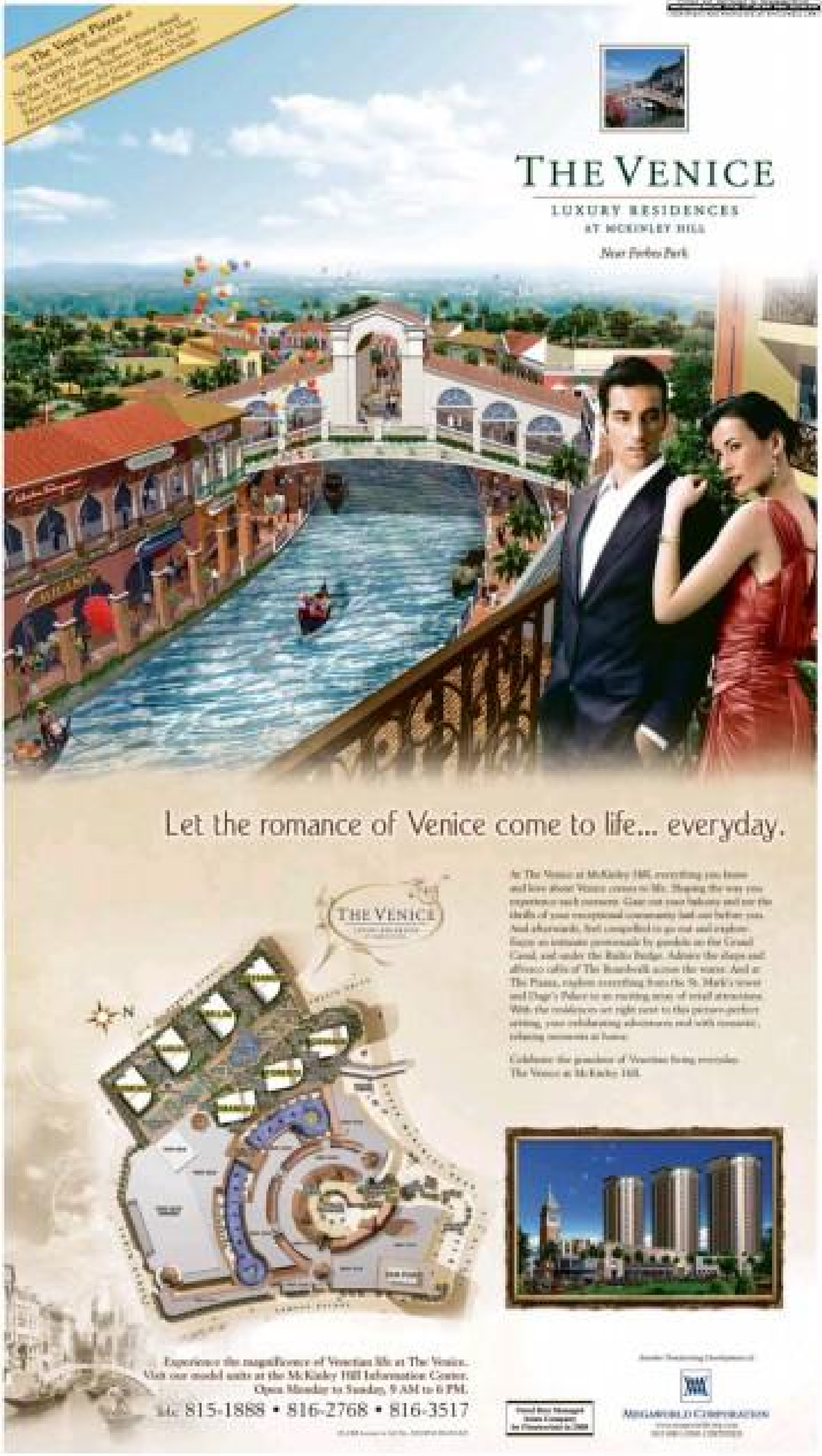


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## *Pacquiao joins TV coverage of Floyd-Shane tiff*


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## SC rules Asistio a registered voter in Caloocan City, paves way for mayoral bid

THE SUPREME COURT yesterday cleared the way for Luis "Baby" Asistio's bid to run for Caloocan mayor as it ruled that the former congressman was a registered voter of the city.

DID YOU KNOW

# Cops sue CHEd protesters

## Police say ralliers destroyed over ₱2M in gov't property

THE POLICE HAVE FILED charges against the leader of a militant group and several other protesters for the destruction of government property during a rally at the Commission on Higher Education (CHEd) office in Quezon City last month.



## Atienza exposes alleged attempt to rig Manila polls

# WWII bomb found at MMDA pumping station in Manila

# Parañaque mayor laughs off reports about his death, says he's in good health



## MetroBriefs

### Truck driver killed; assistant injured in mishap

### Man nabbed for drugs also wanted for murder

### Lim, Atienza deny endorsing Razon for mayor



## Atienza exposes . . .

# 6-year-old girl needs help





# Sokor retaliation likely

# Republicans block Wall Street reforms

"Some of these senators ... may see delay as an opportunity to take this debate behind closed doors, where financial industry lobbyists can water down, reform or kill it"

# Iraqi court disqualifies 52 in parliamentary polls

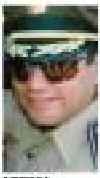
# The World

Editor: Lorenzo B. Abesco

## US extradites ex-dictator to France

MIAMI—PANAMA'S FORMER STRONGMAN MANUEL NORIEGA was en route to France on Tuesday, extradited by the United States to face money-laundering charges after years of legal wrangling, US and French officials said.

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NORIEGA

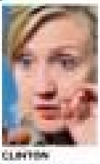
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### WorldBriefs

#### Key trip to China

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#### Bishop's confession

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POPE BENEDICT XVI

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#### Race to suck oil

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# BUSINESS

# Gov't went over budget by ₱134B in Q1

## Spending also exceeded deficit target by 21%

GOVERNMENT EXPENSES IN THE FIRST QUARTER went over the budget by P134.2 billion, an increase of 12.1 percent from last year's deficit of P119.7 billion ...

**Shares closed up**

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# An electrifying show

## Biz Buzz
*By the staff*

### That's excellent entertainment

### Force to be reckoned with

### Transparent mining



# Imports up 26.6% in Feb.

# Shares closed up

# Gov't . . .

# SE Asia seen getting more 'clean' energy investments

By [illegible]

THE RENEWABLE ENERGY MARKET in Southeast Asia is expected to attract more investments this year as the region's gross domestic product is expected to grow at a faster pace of between [illegible] percent and [illegible] percent, [illegible] 2009.

In a briefing yesterday, [illegible], managing director of UBM Asia (Thailand) Co. Ltd., said these investments would help the region reach its target of making renewable energy account for a [illegible] of Southeast Asia's total installed capacity by 2015.

This target, he added, came from the Asean Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation.

[illegible] added that with the robust economic recovery in Southeast Asia, UBM Asia expects a surge of investments in the renewable energy and efficiency industry in the region, which, in turn, are expected to encourage business transactions during the four-day Renewable Energy Asia exhibit slated on June 2-5 in Bangkok, Thailand.

The international conference titled "Renewable Energy: Business opportun-

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# Canadian miner raises fresh funds for nickel project in RP

By Riza T. Olchondra

MBMI RESOURCES INC. has raised some $150,000 in additional funding for the development of its nickel project in the Philippines, on top of the previously announced private placements and loans.

The $150,000 forms part of the $1.466 million in gross proceeds from the issuance of 7.32 million units at $0.20 per unit.

Each unit consists of one common share and one full common share purchase warrant. Each full warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share at $0.30 per share and has an expiry period of three years. The common shares are subject to a four-month holding period expiring in August 2010.

MBMI president Manuel Agcaoili said in an interview that the recent private placement would be added to the company's war chest for exploring and developing its Philippine nickel mineral properties.

MBMI seeks to secure a Financial or Technical Assistance Agreement (FTAA) from the Philippine government.

FTAAs apply to large-scale mining projects that require investments of at least $50 million. The government allows full foreign ownership of FTAA projects to attract more investors.

Some of the funds will also be used "for general corporate purposes."

However, Agcaoili could not say how much MBMI has amassed in total proceeds from a string of private placement financing and loans since late 2009.

On April 22, the company said it received gross proceeds of $1.314 million from the issuance of 6.57 million units at a price of $0.20 per unit.

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On April 12, the company raised $2 million via non-brokered private placement. This was from the issuance of 10 million units at $0.20 per unit.

# BDO profit doubled in Q1

By Doris C. Dumlao

## Diversifying revenue source

# SMPH to offer $500M in investment trusts

# PSBank net income up 57% to ₱475.4M







# Huawei Device invades Philippine telecom market



# MNHPI to infuse P7B into North Harbor

## Land acquisition, port expansion

By Paolo G. Montecillo

# Bank raises ₱5B from LTNCD issue

By Doris C. Dumlao

# Imposition of VAT on tollways seen facing further delay

# Southeast Asia . . .

# Romero group to bid for Guam outpost project

## Harbour Centre operator eyes more partnerships with MVP

By Paolo G. Montecillo

## Petron, Al Amanah ink dealership agreement

## *Bacolod goes up list of 'next wave' cities*

By Carla P. Gomez
Inquirer Visayas

## RP, other developing nations form IPR unit

## SPC income down 16%

## SC rules on Kennex row

By Vincent Cabreza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

# MOTORING

# Detroit Three on road to recovery

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# China's influence grows in global market

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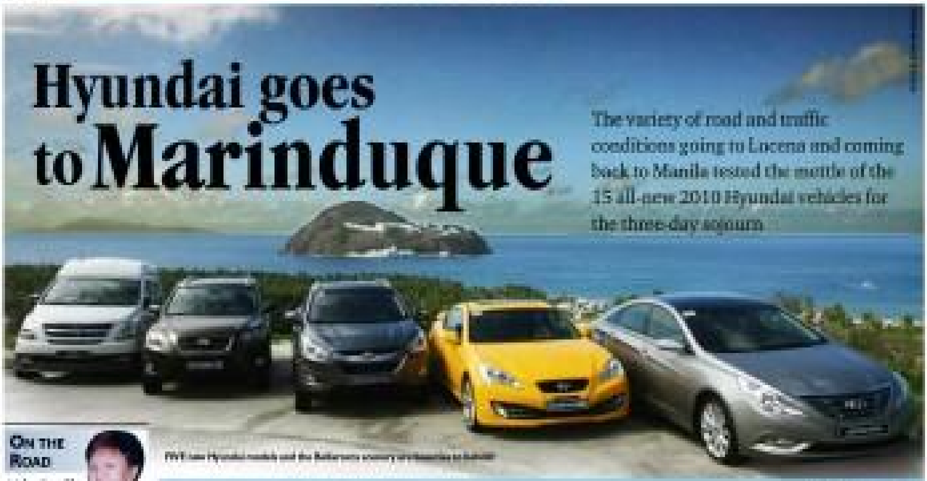
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## BYD declares bid to become world leader by 2025

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# Hyundai goes to Marinduque

The variety of road and traffic conditions going to Lucena and coming back to Manila tested the mettle of the 15 all-new 2010 Hyundai vehicles for the three-day sojourn



## On the Road

Aida Sevilla Mendoza





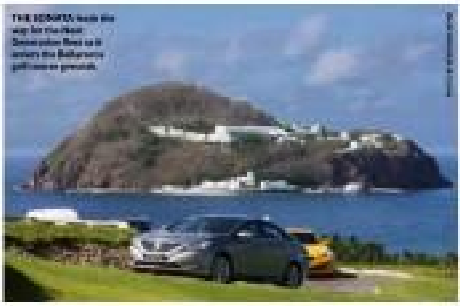




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### Tested

### Enhancement





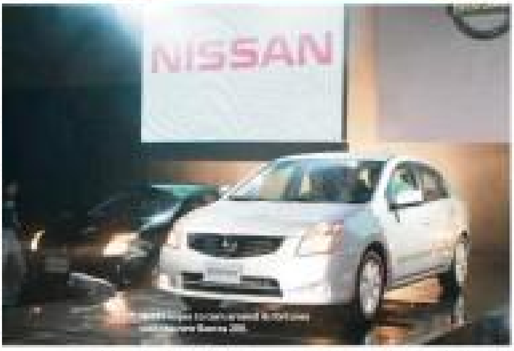


## How to get there

# Bigger, bolder Sentra drives into RP

By Abigail L. Ho

### Versatile sedan






FROM left, Steven Ho, AVP Marketing and Sales of Nissan Motor Philippines, Inc. (NMPI); Allan Chan, NMPI president and CEO; Michael Hsu, deputy representative from Taipei Economic & Cultural Office (Teco) in the Philippines and Yukihiko Kuroishi, deputy managing director of Nissan Asia Pacific.





# Mitsubishi launches seventh generation Canter

By Abigail L. Ho



## Mazda rides huge MIAS turnout

# New faces, new assignments



# Isuzu Diesel Mission promo puts NHR Truck up for grabs




## Chevrolet Captiva Gas or Diesel: Built For Seven

# LIFESTYLE Home & Entertaining







## Create your own oasis

### Tips where to source home items cheap

OF COURSE, WE WANT to create our own place of retreat and tranquility. [illegible]

**Silang/Tagaytay Road**

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**Sales/Tomas Mapua Streets, Sta. Cruz, Manila**

[illegible]

**Daang-Hari Road and Tagaytay-Batangas National Road**

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## A tale of 2 seaside retreats

### They give a new high to high leisure living

JUST LIKE A SIREN SONG, seaside living is tempting. Who would ever say no to the sound of waves swaying to the sea breeze while sipping a cold beer or cocktail and lounging in a hammock? The idea itself is enough to lull tired souls to sleep on lazy afternoons.

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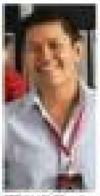






# PLDT-SME Nation forum on nation-building inspires entrepreneurs



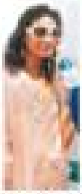








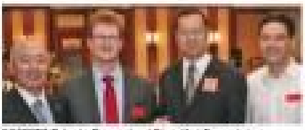






### Lightwater in Boracay

### Cocktails for British ambassador



**WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH**

*Maurice Arcache*







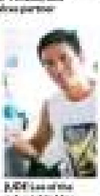












# A tale of 2 seaside retreats



LIVING pool with its view of the sugar plantations of Batangas



LIVING room has cathedral ceiling for airy effect



ROTUNDA of Terrazas de Punta Fuego evokes French Riviera chic



BEDROOM with a view

### Retreat in style

For details, call +(632) 8183000 or visit www.landco.ph.

Landco is celebrating its 30th year as premier developer of Playa Calatagan and Terrazas de Punta Fuego's The Peak and The Ridge.

## Knowing the Kumon Method... and more

# Iron Man action figures for kids

WITH THE MOVIE SEQUEL from the blockbuster "Iron Man" franchise scheduled to hit the screens this April, Toy Kingdom gave enthusiasts a chance to be one of the first to view the merchandise at the "Iron Man" 3 Exclusive Toy Event held recently at SM Megamall Event Center.

Held in cooperation with Hasbro and Cybertron Philippines, the event showcased Iron Man action figures inspired by the movie series and concept series such as the Deluxe Assault Armor, War Machine and Mark 42 with Power Up Glow Collection. Avid collectors loved the super villain figures like Iron Monger, while kids enjoyed Battle Action Vehicle, Iron Man 3 Helmet, Arc Light and Iron Man Repulsor, which are great for role-playing and imaginative play.

During the "Iron Man" 3 Exclusive Toy Event, fans of all ages were treated to exciting activities like Toy Vault, Target Practice, Pass the Core, Iron Man Blind Mark Trivia Quiz and Assemble My Armor Games, as well as Color Up Iron Man and Design My Armor contests.

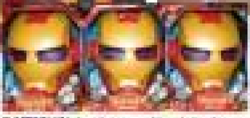
Catch the Iron Man with "Iron Man" 3 toys available at Toy Kingdom Express outlets in SM Department Stores, as well as Toy Kingdom stores at SM Makati, The Podium, SM Megamall, SM Southmall, SM City Fairview, The Block at SM City North Edsa, and SM Mall of Asia's Main Mall and Kids Universe. In the provincial areas, these are available at Toy Kingdom stores at SM Supermalls in Pampanga, Marilao, Baguio, Lucena, Batangas in Luzon, Cebu, Iloilo, Bacolod, Cagayan de Oro and Davao in the Visayas area. Visit www.toykingdom.ph.



COSPLAYERS at Toy Kingdom's "Iron Man" 3 Exclusive Toy Event



IRON Man action figures from the collection of Cybertron Philippines member Matthew Mandapat



ELECTRONIC helmet features exciting mission phrases, battle sounds, light-up eyes and slow-release visor.



MARVEL superheroes from the collection of Dondi "Vortex" Remos

LIFESTYLE Home&Entertaining





STATEMENT chairs made of woven strips of jute by Milo Naval

# Japan inspires part of Fame

By Alex T. Vergara

> Standouts are woven leather ottomans and oversized chairs made of jute

EXCEPT FOR OCCASIONAL sheen and bursts of colors, a good number of furniture and accent pieces at the Manila Fame International boutique show April 22-25 at World Trade Center were done in neutral and muted shades.

And in their bid to revitalize the still formidable Japanese market, organizers led by Department of Trade and Industry Secretary Jesli Lapus chose to focus on Japan with Japanese-inspired special settings designed by Milo Naval, Vitto Sabeno, Ito Kabilio-Ong and Rachy Cuna.

Noted home artist and painter Romulo "Budji" Layug, co-founder of Movement 8, for instance, did a buyers' lounge at the WTC lobby made of bamboo poles tied together to form an arch resembling a Japanese pavilion.

In lieu of chairs, he provided the space with comfort [illegible]





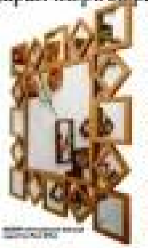









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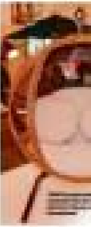




# McDelivery: No Minimum Order Required

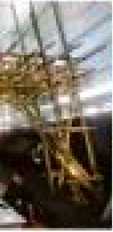
## Any Order, Big or Small, We Deliver







## Tagaytay Country Fair set on Ma





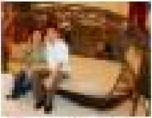














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*Do-it-yourself*

# Frozen juice granita

D.I.Y.

## *Theme park launches 6 giant inflatable pools*




ORIGINAL PUTO PINULOT SA PEYSBUK

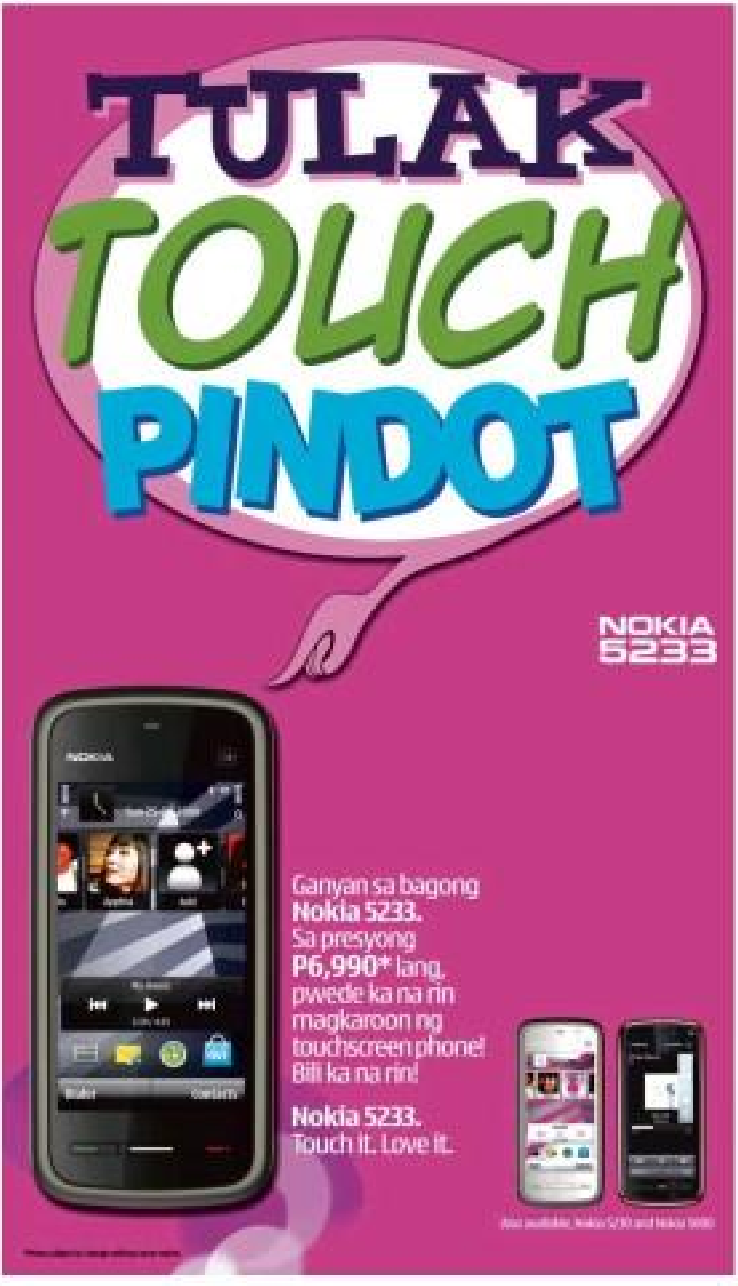



# What it really takes to raise an achiever in school

## Ateneo survey of students yields best practices

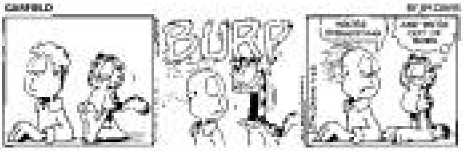
THE GOOD NEWS TO parents attending the session on how to raise an achiever was that speaker Queena Lee-Chua was not expounding on new eye-popping findings. She was merely using case studies, a wealth of personal experience and survey data to drill home what many of us in the recent seminar organized by Salt and Light already knew about parenting.

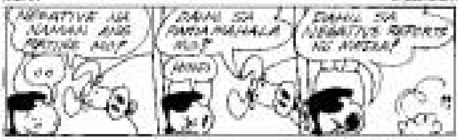
**Key practices employed**



# ComicRelief

## GARFIELD



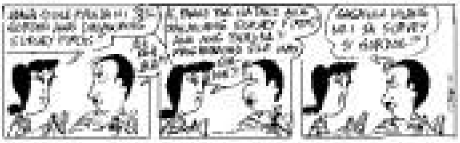



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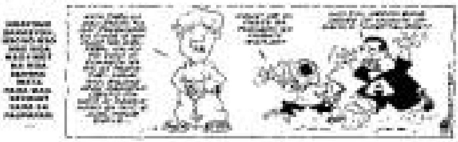
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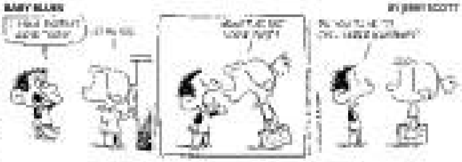


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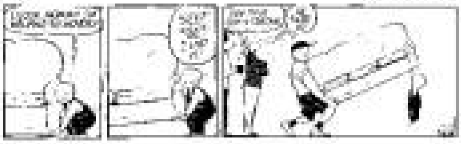




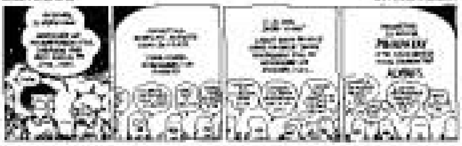
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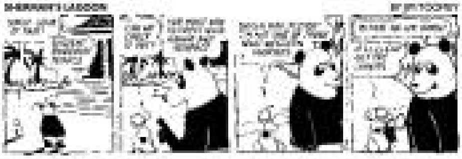




## KIKO MACHINE



## SHERMAN'S LAGOON



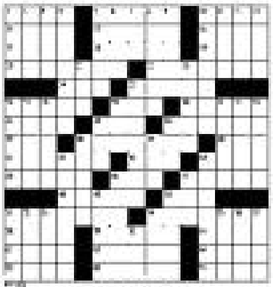
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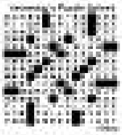
### HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

### Conceptis Sudoku

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE





# How young widower copes with grief and solo parenting



At 33, Junjun had a triple whammy last year—his wife died in childbirth, his newborn was in ICU, his son almost had accidental poisoning



## Hands-on father

## Establishing emotional roots

# Making the most of mobile network promos

THE CONSUMER
*Linda B. Bolido*

## Feedback

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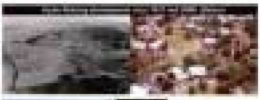
## Highlight



# Avida Towers Alabang offers an upscale lifestyle at affordable rates













# ENTERTAINMENT

Editor: Emmie G. Velarde

## Bocelli in the eyes of Charice

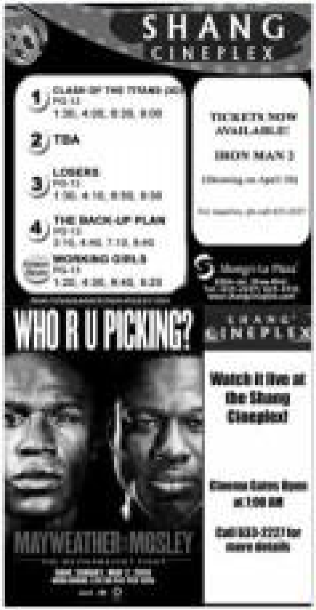
OVERHEARD

INTERNATIONAL POP STAR CHARICE ON HER personal impression of Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli: "He vocalizes for hours before a concert, starting in the afternoon up to early evening. He's not totally blind and can actually see part of our features he knows where I am when he needs to talk to me."






■ Angel Locsin pleads: Let's talk about positive things, I don't want to get depressed. Chito Miranda teases: Am I a bad influence on Angel? Rushes / F4







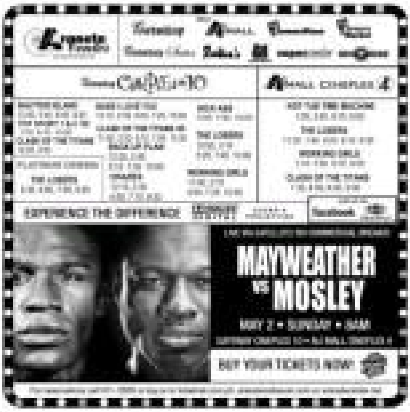







## Opening This Week






### D' Survivors

### Iron Man 2

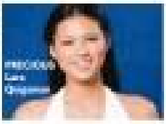







# Yet another Walkout Queen in the making?



### Love in the time of laptops

### Spontaneous combustion

### Dubious winner

### 33rd Gawad Urian

RUSHES

### Top of the talk shows







